

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S4

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	South Carolina Teacher Protection Act of 2009		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 4 enacts the South Carolina Teacher Protection Act of 2009 which provides that a teacher may bring a civil claim against a student who commits a criminal offense against the teacher if the offense occurs on school grounds or at a school-related event. Teachers have no civil liability to a student or to a party acting in the interest of a student for an act or omission by the teacher that occurs while the teacher is acting on behalf of the school.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department, State Department of Education and the Department of Juvenile Justice each indicate this Bill will have either no impact or a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

The Commission on Higher Education

The Commission is still waiting on responses from some of the higher education institutions queried, but to date, no institution has indicated a fiscal impact as a result of this Bill. If required, a revised impact will be issued to reflect any subsequent information received from the agency or made available that could affect this impact statement.

Department of Corrections

The Agency has been forwarded a copy of the Bill, but to date, has not submitted impact of the proposed Bill.

Approved by:



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